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Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter



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Notes from the Council Table

Greetings Fellow Tribal Members,

From this Newsletter forward, the Tribal Council will be publishing *Notes from the Council Table*. This segment will provide a brief synopsis of the events your Tribal Council is involved in as well as other information that is pertinent for all members' knowledge. This month's *Notes from the Council Table* shall encompass a recap of the last few months with the status of what has been happening in Tribal Government as well as other areas of the Tribe.

The Tribal Council would like to thank all Tribal staff members for working with the Council in such a productive manner. To be truly successful, all governmental leaders function most effectively when those leaders are fully informed of all factors that bear on any decision that must be made. The staff along with other key professional contributors has inundated the Tribal Council with immensely researched and well-documented information to effectuate a decision-making process to ensure the most productive outcome possible. The decisions made today will not only impact today's membership but also the sustainability of the Tribe and many generations to come. The Tribal Council takes this matter very seriously and would not allow its decisions to falter under any pretense.

Since our last election, the Council has been involved with several community/developmental improvement projects. An example of a couple of the projects are as follows: the Chitimacha Tribal School Roof/AC upgrade, sub-surface drainage along portions of Chitimacha Loop Road, Choctaw, Cherokee, and Jena Street, and community injury prevention grant to pro-actively address potential hazards that may involve injury to all age groups within the community. The Tribal/State Compact which allows our Tribe to game has successfully been renewed for another 7 years! Our new Compact was renewed without any obligation to continue to make any revenue contributions to any other governmental agency. We can now voluntarily work with our neighbors in any way that is in the best interest of the Tribe. In an effort to address the Tribe's economic climate, the Council unanimously voted to increase Tribal sales tax by 2% at all of its enterprises effective October 15th. This matter will be analyzed accordingly and information will be provided as to the economic effect of this measure as it comes about.

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The Tribal Council is in the process of organizing an economic development board to assist with the somewhat daunting decision-making process that is involved when analyzing potential business ventures. Somewhat along the same lines, the Tribal Council is actively embarking upon the strategic planning process. Through this intense form of planning, the Tribal Council will develop the foundations of our next phase of expansion and diversity.

Even though Hurricanes Gustav and Ike made a visit to the Tribe, we were well prepared for the events. Thanks to the Tribal emergency management preparedness team who ensured the safety of our community before, during, and after the storms. We are happy to report that there was no devastation to life or property on the Reservation. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to those families who were adversely affected by these natural disasters.

The Tribal Council invites any member's commentary and ideas that you believe are in the best interest of the Tribe. We believe an informed membership is more united and effective for the entire Tribe's future for many generations to come. After all, that is what it is about.

Until next time,

Your Tribal Council



Resolutions for the Month of August

- #42/08 Adopts the Schwab Resolutions, and authorizes Chairman, Lonnie L. Martin, and Secretary-Treasurer, Tasia Burgess, to execute any and all documents as necessary to implement the Schwab brokerage account, effective August 1, 2008.
- #43/08 Approves the Agreements between the Tribe and PrimeVest, and effective August 1, 2008, Tasia Burgess, Secretary-Treasurer, is authorized to sign any and all documents pertaining to the Agreements, and authorizes Patty C. Perry, Chief Financial Officer, to manage the day to day investment responsibilities of the Tribe.
- #44/08 Authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, to sign any and all documentation necessary to modify the contract for the Design and Construction for the BIA High Priority Project. This includes the re-construction of Tunica Drive, Seminole Street, Oneida Drive, Jena Drive, and a section of Martin Luther King Road.

#45/08

Directs Brian Headley, Development Director, to implement the development of a Chitimacha Comprehensive Tribal Strategic Plan which involves the following:

1. Establish a Strategic Planning Committee – the members of which will be approved and appointed by the Tribal Council upon approval of this resolution;
2. Engage the assistance of a qualified strategic planning consultant – to be approved by the Tribal Council prior to entering into any agreement upon approval of this resolution;
3. Include the Tribal Council in all key aspects of the process;
4. Report to the Tribal Council monthly on the progress of the Plan.

#46/08

Adopts the following:

1. The Development Department, by and through its Director, Brian Headley, is authorized to develop a process for the review and analysis of prospective projects;
2. The prospective projects should be examined for, among other things, the integrity of the parties, the viability of the proposal, and the benefits that the proposal would bring to the Tribe;
3. The Development Department shall report to the Council on at least a monthly basis with regard to the projects reviewed and the results of those reviews;
4. No project shall be undertaken without the consent of the Council as evidenced by a Resolution of Council.

Resolutions for the Month of September

#47/08

Adopts the Tribal Sales Tax upon retail sales and services at the Casino, Shorty's and appurtenant facilities shall be raised from eight percent (8%) to ten percent (10%), and the Tribal Sales Tax upon retail sales and services at the Chitimacha Trading Post shall be raised from six percent (6%) to eight percent (8%), effective October 15, 2008.

#48/08

Directs that the Tribal taxation rate for all cigarettes/tobacco products and for gasoline/motor fuels shall be no less than the rate statutorily imposed by the State of Louisiana upon other retail sellers in the State of Louisiana.

#49/08

Clarifies and amends the existing 401K Plan definition of compensation to further expressly and accurately delineate the specific inclusions, exclusions, and adjustments.

Resolutions for the Month of September continued...

#50/08

Adopts the following:

1. The Casino Budget for 10/01/08 – 09/30/09 is hereby approved with the following conditions:
 - a. Prior to the awarding of Bonus and Pay Increases, excluding the required minimum wage increase, Tribal Council written approval must be obtained;
 - b. The Casino Budget shall be reviewed quarterly;
 - c. No expenditures shall be made for any item in excess of the amounts provided for that item in the Casino Budget without the express written approval of the Tribal Council;
 - d. No expenditures shall be made for any capital improvements in any month that the Tribe receives less than the required payment, independent of the loan repayment, in the agreed upon monthly support payment to the Tribe without prior written approval of the Tribal Council.

#51/08

Authorizes Tricia Mora, Division Administrator, to submit the Year 12, FY 2009 IHS Special Diabetes Grant Program application to The United South and Eastern Tribes and to negotiate and sign any and all documentation pertaining to the same.

#52/08

Authorizes the monthly payment to the Office of the Sheriff of St. Mary Parish for Sheriff Services, and delegates the Chief Financial Officer to make the necessary arrangements for the transfer of such funds as are required for the payment of the Sheriff's Services, such arrangements to include, but not be limited to, arrangements for quarterly documentation and reporting to the Tribe of all expenditures by the Sheriff pursuant to these payments.

#53/08

Directs that the proposed amendment and supplement to Article V Governing Body, with the addition of Subsection 3 Forfeiture of Office, in the Chitimacha Tribal Constitution be submitted to the Secretary or his/her designee in support of a request for authorization to conduct a Tribal wide election, and if the Secretary of Interior or his/her designee authorizes the requested election, then such election shall be conducted upon the Reservation, and at the date of the next General Meeting in January 2009, and if the Secretary of Interior or his/her designee authorizes said election, then the new proposed amendment provision to Article V "Governing Body" shall be the subject of a vote by those Tribal members otherwise entitled to vote as set forth in Article VI Elections, at Section 2 Entitlement to Vote, in the Chitimacha Tribal Constitution, and if the proposed amendment/supplement receives approval by a majority vote of registered Tribal members age 21 or over, and voting in an election where at least thirty percent (30%) of those entitled to vote, cast ballots, then such amendment/supplement shall be submitted to the Secretary of Interior for final approval.



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



OCTOBER 2008

For the month of September 2008 the following traffic citations were issued—one for speeding, one for driving with an expired license plate and one for driving without a drivers license. Officers also issued eleven verbal warnings for various traffic violations and five verbal warnings for violation of the non-resident curfew.

The following arrests were logged for the month of September 2008:

09-07-08	One male subject arrested for cruelty to animals.
09-10-08	One male subject arrested for violation of a protective order.
09-12-08	One male subject arrested for simple battery
09-16-08	One male subject arrested on 16 th Judicial Court warrants for simple battery, criminal damage to property and failure to appear for non-support.
09-20-08	Two male subjects arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting.
09-20-08	One male subject arrested for hit and run driving.
09-20-08	One male subject arrested for disturbing the peace and remaining where forbidden.
09-26-08	One male subject arrested for trespassing.
09-27-08	One female subject arrested for driving under suspension.
09-28-08	One male subject arrested for disturbing the peace and resisting an officer.
09-28-08	One male subject arrested for remaining where forbidden.

NEW POLICE OFFICERS

We welcome Rick Riegenbach, Joe Garrison and Jake Darden to the police department as our newest police officers. Rick has 10 years of law enforcement experience, Joe has 16 years of law enforcement experience and Jake recently completed his Criminal Justice Degree and is presently attending the St Mary Parish Sheriff's Office Training Academy. We welcome them all to the Chitimacha Police Department Team!

HURRICANES GUSTAV AND IKE

We made it through another two hurricanes and we hope there will be no more for the rest of the Hurricane season. We would like to thank all the residents who willingly cooperated with police officers as they gathered information for the emergency evacuation rosters.



We did have problems with our phone systems and did not have phone service at the police department for a few days after the hurricanes, but we have taken steps to correct the problems with our phones and hopefully prevent this from happening again.

We would like to thank those that provided meals for the employees of the police department, especially the Cleco crew that was staged at the casino, the staff that provided meals in EDR at the casino, and a special thank you to Mrs. Ann Vilcan who sent breakfast for us. All the food was very much appreciated.

We also send thanks and appreciation to the following residents of the reservation: John Paul Darden Sr., Scarlett Darden, Jeremy Vilcan, Roy Dwyer, Blaine Butaud, Mark Leger, and Bryan Savell. Thanks for your assistance to the police department with distributing water and meals to the residents of the reservation and surrounding community after Hurricane Gustav.

HALLOWEEN

DON'T BE SPOOKED BY DANGERS LURKING ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT
Article from Louisiana Safe Kids, Inc. News

Halloween can be a real scare for kids who don't keep safety in mind when they hit the streets. Children are four times more likely to be hit by a car on Halloween night than on any other night of the year. Adults and children should work together to replace the dangers of Halloween with fun. And remember that kids under age 12 should not go trick-or-treating without adult supervision.

Create an eerie glow.....

Safety may not be a concern for kids looking forward to buckets of treats, but a little creativity will help keep your young trick-or-treaters out of harm's way. Help them add pizzazz and safety to their costumes with accessories made of retro reflective tape and stickers. Adhere the stickers and tape to the fronts and backs of costumes and treat bags. Brightly colored or light costumes also help make children stand out against the black night; at least one light color should be worn. Finish off the effect with flashlights, one for each trick-or-treater in your house.

Brake for sneaky automobiles.....

Kids should always stop at street corners before crossing, look left and right before crossing the street, and cross only at intersections and crosswalks. Those habits are especially important to practice on Halloween night, when cars must share street space with streams of kids more focused on sugar than safety. Kids should also avoid crossing between parked cars and darting out into streets. Advise kids to **opt for sidewalks** when possible and to avoid crossing lawns. When it's necessary to walk in the street, waving flashlights is a good way to make sure kids are seen.

Avoid becoming a walking mummy.....

Halloween is the perfect time for kids to reinvent themselves into their favorite fantasy characters, but adults should keep safety in mind when helping children select costumes. Heavy, bulky costumes, costumes that are less than 4 to 6 inches off the floor and blinding masks inhibit safe foot travel in dark neighborhoods. **Face paint is safer than masks** because it doesn't obstruct vision. If masks are worn, make sure that eye holes are large enough to allow full vision and that masks fit securely. Check to see if kids can see well before starting out; and **stop to fix costumes as soon as something slips or breaks**. Hats and shoes should also fit well—adult shoes are fun for kids, but they make tripping and falling more likely.

Frighten away potential safety problems with smart weapons.....

All props children carry, such as knives and swords, should be flexible. Keep in mind that anything kids carry can injure them if they fall. Ward off fire, a potential danger with the many jack o' lanterns around, by purchasing only flame-resistant materials for costumes. Flame-resistant materials are identified as such on their labels.

Don't be a goblin behind the wheel.....

Traffic is inevitable on Halloween night, so it's essential that drivers are particularly responsible during peak trick-or-treating hours. Drive slowly in residential neighborhoods, obeying traffic laws as normal, and watch for children walking in the street or on medians and curbs. **Take special care when entering and exiting driveways and alleyways**. Keep in mind that, while you are driving responsibly, not all drivers are. Teach children to **exit and enter the car on the curb side**, away from traffic.

The date and time for observing Halloween on the reservation is stated on the notice on the following page. Notices will be given to children at the Tribal School, the Daycare and also posted at the Trading Post and all the business offices on the reservation.

HAVE A HAUNTING GOOD HALLOWEEN!



Happy Halloween

NOTICE



**Trick or Treating
Will Be Observed ON The
Reservation ON Thursday,
October 30, 2008
From 6:00PM to 8:00PM**

**Happy Halloween!
Children Can Pick Up Their
Halloween Trick or Treat Bags
At The Chitimacha
Police Department.**



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

Eagle Pride...Eagle Spirit!



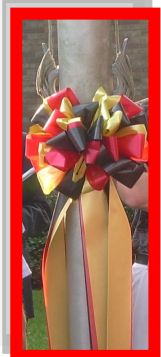
2008-2009 CTS School Year



It was a morning of reflection and pride at the Chitimacha Tribal School. This year the tribe celebrates the 30th anniversary of the dedication of the existing school building. So this year's annual "Prayer Around the Flag Pole" ceremony recognized past and present leadership for their perseverance in obtaining funding and maintaining a commitment to education. To all tribal members past and present who were instrumental in realizing the importance of education for our future generations, we will forever be grateful.

(pictured left to right: Mr. Larry Burgess, Councilman Jules Darden, Secretary-Treasurer Tasia Burgess, and Chief Lonnie Martin)

In attendance were Mr. Leroy Burgess, Mr. Leslie Proctor, and Mr. Larry Burgess who were all past members of tribal government. Current tribal council members present were: Chief Lonnie Martin, Secretary-Treasurer Tasia Burgess, Councilman Jules Darden, and Councilwoman Nikina Vilcan, along with school board members Bethany Darby, Nicole Hebert, and Katherine "Kitty" Vilcan. Past and current tribal leaders formed a circle while students, staff, and community members gathered behind them.



Opening the ceremony with a prayer in the native language was Ms. Carolyn Savage, tribal community member and proud grandmother. Rachel Vilcan, culture teacher, lead students in the Indian Pledge of Allegiance in the native language. Everyone then joined together to recite the American Pledge of Allegiance. Following all heard tribal leaders share the story of their perseverance in obtaining funding for the current building while others shared a reflection of the past thirty years.

Leading the spiritual circle for the ceremony was guest speaker Mark Ford, executive director for the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs, and Pastor Bobby Hodnett of Little Pass Baptist Church. CTS student, Jovan Anderson performed a song on a Native American flute. The focus of the reflection was the concept and meaning of the "circle", which is of the utmost importance and a source of pride to many Indians. The significance of the

“circle” to many Indians is the interconnectedness of everything, the harmony and balance among all beings, how all life is equal, nothing being more important than the other, and working together for a better today...a brighter tomorrow.



(Pictured left: Mark Ford, Executive Director, Indian Affairs, Office of the Governor; pictured below: group of students, and community members; centered, Brother Bobby Hodnett)



“As a people we can be proud of this facility, dedicated staff, current and past Tribal leaders and all those that helped make this school a reality and we are grateful to all those that contribute to make this school second to none.”

-Leslie Proctor

Reported by Mrs. Debbie, 2nd grade teacher...

It's a “Jungle” out there, but at CTS our students know what it takes to get the job done! Working with our theme “Wild about Learning” the second graders are really getting into the swing of things. Everyone is working really hard to learn the classroom rules and routines.

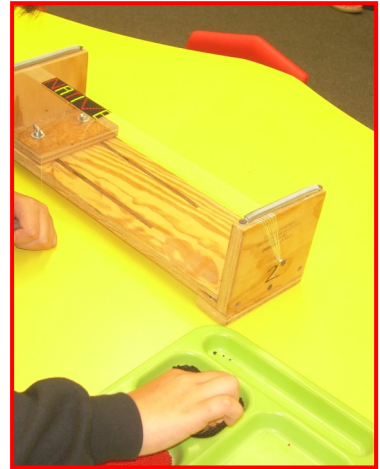
In the new reading series there are lots of fun and interesting stories. This week students are reading about a young girl who is from Korea and doesn't speak English. Her first day of school is very difficult for her. Also, students have been reading lots of AR (Accelerated Reader) books. They all want to reach their goals for the nine week period.

Students have been reviewing their addition and subtraction facts, they have taken several “Mad Minute” tests, and everyone seems to be doing really well. In Social Studies the class is learning about communities and what a community offers to its people.

They had lots of things to share with our parents during Open House on September 25th. Students are really excited to “show-off” all their hard work. One of those students is our “Star Student” for 2nd grade, McKenzie Broussard! Congratulations McKenzie!

Reported by Ms. Molly, 6th grade teacher ...

Instruction is always taking a new twist in our classrooms, and one example is in our Culture classes. This year students not only receive lessons on their language, but they are also learning a new craft, beadwork! Students in grades first through sixth have learned a style of freehand beadwork, and they have created necklaces. Students in grades seventh and eighth have learned how to bead using a loom. (Pictured: Student Beading) Students in the upper grades will complete their beadwork by sewing their creations onto leather. Ms. Rachel, CTS Culture Instructor, is very impressed with the behavior in her classes. She said she has very little classroom disruptions, and students are entertained while being instructed.



Reported by Mrs. Allison, 3rd grade teacher ...

Hello from the third graders at the Chitimacha Tribal School. Opening bit of news is the very first 2008-2009 3rd grade star student announcement. Star student was **Makayla Higgins**. She is always ready to learn and willing to help others when they are in need. Congratulations, Makayla!

Makayla along with her classmates has been making learning lots of fun. If you heard animal noises coming from Room 14 recently, no need to be alarmed. We were studying animals, their needs, and habitats. We even classified different types of animals into a tree map (Thinking Map). Wow, they came out awesome!

On September 22, 2008, at 11:44 a.m. the third graders amazed the entire school as they balanced an egg on a saucer. They were able to do this because September 22nd was an equinox day. The students are anxiously awaiting the spring equinox to try this experiment again.

On your mark, get set, go! The students have been testing their fact mastery with daily "Mad Minutes" and have really enjoyed tracking their progress. Everyone mastered their addition facts and now we are working on our subtraction facts. Also in math, students explored bar graphs. We measured our shoes and made a life-size bar graph on our floor. Students loved it! A little message to my students... "Keep up the hard work, third graders! I am extremely proud of each and every one of you!"



Balanced Egg on Equinox Day

Ms. Tori's Fantastic Fourth Graders!!!! (Reported by Mrs. Tori, 4th grade teacher)

The 4th graders at CTS have revealed their scientific skills during the 1st 9 weeks! Over the last two weeks they have been investigating ecosystems and the plants and animals that make up these various ecosystems. As an extension each 4th grade student was assigned a different ecosystem for which they created a box project depicting the plants, animals, and nonliving things found in each. What a fabulous job they did! Each and every ecosystem project was creative, and all were displayed in Ms. Tori's classroom for everyone to view.

Students are currently learning how habitats can be affected by humans or the environment. To explore this skill the 4th graders will conduct a science experiment to test the effects of salt water on a plant's habitat. To begin the experiment, students will put radish seeds in three separate cups, and each cup will be watered daily with tap water, salty water, or very salty water. Students are very eager to participate in this science investigation! Great job 4th grade scientists!



(2 Examples of 4th Grade Projects)

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE:

Wow, what GREAT parent support we have at CTS!

A big "Thank You" goes out to parents for your participation at "Open House". Sixty-eight percent of our families attended this year's presentation. Many mandatory topics were covered along with a guest speaker from the Social Services department before parents were able to meet with their child's teachers.

Teachers were able to review daily procedures, routines, and policies with parents. This is always helpful to keep students on the right track and assist them in learning to the fullest of their educational ability.

It takes a village to raise a child

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Happy Halloween</div>			1 Mrs. Tammy LaGarde-BD	2	3	4 Ms. Molly Chiasson-BD
5	6 Drake Pontiff-BD Star of Week 4th Grade	7 <u>SCHOOL STORE</u> *Save Up Your Eagle Bucks!!*	8 Mrs. Lois Darden-BD 4-H Meeting at 2:00	9 Ms. Denise Hodge-BD	10 End of First 9-Week Period <u>4th Grade</u> BAKE SALE	11
12	13 Columbus Day-School in Session Star of Week 5th Grade	14	15	16 <u>National Boss'Day</u> Ms. Jen Naquin-BD	17 Pep Rally/Awards Program At 2:15 *Report Cards Sent Home* 	18
19	20 Mrs. Jamie Baudoin-BD Star of Week 6th Grade	21	22 Mrs. Mary "Buggie" Bailey-BD	23 Joshua Darden-BD	24 Caylin Moneaux-BD U.L. to visit 6th-8th students at 8:15 Halloween Carnival 5:30-7:30 	25 McKayla Higgins-BD
<div> **RED RIBBON WEEK—OCT. 20TH— </div>						
26 Haylee Bourgeois-BD	27 Conner Anderson-BD Jose Sanchez-BD Star of Week 7th Grade	28	29 Star Lunch at 11:15	30 Ms. Brandi Beck-BD	31 A-B Conduct <u>Free Dress</u> for 5 Eagle Bucks	

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
October, 2008

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>*All Breakfast Sausage is turkey/ pork for less fat, higher protein. All fries & tots are baked not fried. *Menu subject to change due to deliveries.</p>	<p>*All juices are 100% juice, 0% fat; whole & low fat milk, low fat chocolate milk also offered. Pizza has wheat crust.</p>	<p>October 1, 2008 Breakfast Pancakes, Sausage, Syrup, Juice, Milk Lunch Meatball Stew, Rice, Green Beans, Fruit, Salad/dressing, Roll, Milk</p>	<p>October 2, 2008 Breakfast Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Juice, Milk Lunch Beefy Nachos, Cheese cup, Salad/dressing, Corn, Fruit, Sweet Rolls, Milk</p>	<p>October 3, 2008 Breakfast Pop tarts, Oatmeal, Juice, Milk Lunch Catfish Bites, Peas, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Salad/dressing, Ketchup, Rolls, Milk</p>
<p>October 6, 2008 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly, Juice, Milk Lunch Lasagna, Corn, Fruit, Salad/dressing, Garlic Bread, Milk</p>	<p>October 7, 2008 Breakfast Peanut Butter & Jelly Bars, Oatmeal, Juice, Milk Lunch White Beans w/ Sausage, Rice, Baby Carrots, Fruit, Beets, Cornbread, Milk</p>	<p>October 8, 2008 Breakfast French Toast, Ham, Juice, Milk Lunch Bar-B-Que Chicken, Rice Dressing, Potato Salad, Pork-n-Beans, Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk</p>	<p>October 9, 2008 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza, Grits, Juice, Milk Lunch Hamburger Steak, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Roll, Milk</p>	<p>October 10, 2008 Breakfast Scrambled Eggs, toast, Juice, Milk Lunch Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Cake, Crackers, Mayo, Salad/dressing, Fresh Fruit, Mustard, Milk</p>
<p>October 13, 2008 Breakfast Pancake, Sausage, Syrup, Juice, Milk Lunch Hard Shell Beef Tacos, Cheese cup, Corn, Salad/dressing, Fruit, Cookies, Milk</p>	<p>October 14, 2008 Breakfast French Toast, Ham, Juice, Milk Lunch Meatloaf, Green Beans, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Cucumber cups, Fruit, Roll, Milk</p>	<p>October 15, 2008 Breakfast Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk Lunch Chicken/Sausage Gumbo, Rice, Peas, Potato Salad, Fruit, Roll, Milk</p>	<p>October 16, 2008 Breakfast Ham & Cheese Omelet, Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk Lunch Pig-n-Blanket, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Pork-n-Beans, Jell-O, Salad/dressing, Milk</p>	<p>October 17, 2008 Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk Lunch Pizza, Corn on the Cobb, Salad/dressing, Apple Pie Bites, Milk</p>
<p>October 20, 2008 Breakfast Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Milk Lunch Spaghetti w/ Meat sauce, Corn, Salad/dressing, Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk</p>	<p>October 21, 2008 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly, Juice, Milk Lunch Hamburgers, Fries, Fruit, Sandwich Fixings, Apple Crisp, Milk</p>	<p>October 22, 2008 Breakfast Eggs, Toast, Juice, Milk Lunch Turkey Roast, Rice & Gravy, Field Peas, Fruit, Salad/dressing, Roll, Milk</p>	<p>October 23, 2008 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza, Grits, Juice, Milk Lunch Grilled Chicken Breast or Chicken Tenders, Fruit, Baked Potato, Butter, Salad/dressing, Roll, Milk</p>	<p>October 24, 2008 Breakfast Donuts, Oatmeal, Juice, Milk Lunch Sloppy Joes, Tots, Ketchup, Fresh Fruit, Cookies, Salad/dressing, Milk</p>
<p>October 27, 2008 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Juice, Milk Lunch Red Beans w/ Sausage, Rice, Fruit, Broccoli w/cheese, Baby Carrots, Cornbread, Milk</p>	<p>October 28, 2008 Breakfast French Toast, Ham, Juice, Milk Lunch Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Pork-n-Beans, Rolls, Salad/dressing, Bar-B-Que, Sauce, Milk</p>	<p>October 29, 2008 Breakfast Ham & Cheese Omelet, Toast, Juice, Milk Lunch Chili w/ Crackers, Tots, Cheese cup, Cucumbers, Fruit, Jell-O, Milk</p>	<p>October 30, 2008 Breakfast Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Milk Lunch Baked Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Peas, Fruit, Roll, Milk</p>	<p>October 31, 2008 Breakfast Peanut Butter & Jelly Bars, Oatmeal, Juice, Milk Lunch Hotdog w/ chili, Fries, Salad/dressing, Fruit, Cake, Milk</p>

OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 3rd - Grandparents Day - 2:30 p.m. - School Gym.

October 17th - Renaissance Program - 2:15 p.m. - School Gym.

October 21st - Health Fair - 1:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. - School Gym.

October 24th - Halloween Carnival - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - School Gym.



CTS HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL!



*FRIDAY
October 24, 2008*

5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

CTS GYM



PLEASE JOIN US!

LOTS OF FUN TO BE HAD BY ALL!

Public Works Department

Tony Darden, Public Works Director



Here's the run down on what happened, what's going on and what's in the works for the Public Works Department.

Public Works Shop:

Please be aware that no one is allowed on the premises of the Maintenance shop after hours.

Roads:

We are asking the residents when you are mowing your lawn, please do not throw the grass clippings onto the curbs and road; the grass clippings will stop up the gutters and will cause major blockage to the drainage system. We are also asking that you help us by keeping your curb free from grass overgrowth. Each yard has a yard drain. We ask that you keep the drain free from debris. This will allow your yard to drain quicker.

Please do not throw your debris (i.e., tree branches, leaves, etc.) on the sidewalk. The Public Works Department has already responded to certain areas to remove tree limbs and etc. to clear the path of the sidewalk so it could be accessible. Anyone caught will be asked to remove the debris.

We will be coming around and trimming all branches from trees that are hanging over the sidewalks in the near future.

Mausoleums:

Please be aware that **skateboarding, riding bicycles, four wheelers and etc.** on the mausoleum grounds are not allowed. The marble on these structures are very expensive and will be very hard to replace/match to the existing marble. Therefore we are asking that the parents discuss this matter with their children.

Debris Burn Pile:

The burn pile that is located on Seminole Drive is **ONLY** for the residents of the reservation. We are asking that you only bring items that will burn. The following items are not allowed at this site: metal, lumber with nails, household garbage, sofas, appliances and etc. The above items should be brought to Waste Management site that is located on Northwest Blvd., in Franklin. We will inform you as to when we will shut this area down. Anyone caught bringing off-reservation debris to this area will not be allowed to utilize this area and will be asked to remove it.

Sewer System:

We are asking the residents to help us out by not flushing any of the following items into the sewer system, such as: Q-tips, sanitary items, toys, and etc. These items can cause major problems to the sewer pumps.

Waste Oil:

Please remember that the Maintenance Department is still accepting waste oil. If you have any you would like to dispose of you may bring it to the Maintenance shop. This service is **only available** between the hours of 7:30 A.M. thru 5:00 P.M., Monday - Thursday and 7:30 A.M. thru 11:30 A.M., on Friday's. **Please check with one of the maintenance workers before you dispose of any oil.**

Dumpsters:

The dumpsters that are located at all tribal buildings, Trading Post and School are for the use of tribal facilities only. Private household garbage should be disposed of at the Waste Management facilities in Franklin, located on Northwest Boulevard.

Tribal Property:

Please be advised that you ***MUST*** make arrangements on Friday if you are planning to use the tribal tractor on weekends. In order to use the tractor you must sign the checkout form before taking the old John Deere tractor/trailer. If you fail to come by and sign the form then no **equipment will be loaned out on Saturday or Sunday's.** All Public Works employees are instructed that no equipment is to be loaned out unless the tribal member has signed the necessary form.

Health Department News

Wishing you Good Health!

Madeline Phelps

October, 2008



Registration Update:

Please help us keep up-to-date records and inform Brittany of any changes in insurance, address or telephone number. Call Brittany @ 923-9955.

Clinic Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday, 7:30a.m.-5:00p.m.

Friday, 7:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

Physician Hours/Patient Care Appointments:

Physician's schedule is as follows:

Monday & Tuesday from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. & 1:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

Wednesdays & Thursday from 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Friday from 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m.

Update Eligibility:

Periodically you may be contacted by the Registration Coordinator (Brittany Martin) to update eligibility information. Please respond to these requests to provide information/documentation as needed to assure our records are accurate.

Dental Clinic:

Since the Dental Clinic is only open one day per week it is extremely important to notify Brittany if you are unable to keep an appointment. If we are notified in advance we are able to schedule another patient.

Weekly Screening:

Every Wednesday morning, the Community Health Nurse (CHN) and CHR's hold a clinic @ RiverCane starting @ 7:30a.m. Stop by to have your blood pressure/blood sugar taken! Lori, Norma & Elaine look forward to seeing you there!

Pharmacy:

You most likely have already met our new pharmacist, **Jayne Dishman**. Jayne will be working on Monday's & Thursday's from 11:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

Please call for refills 4-5 days in advance; this allows time for the pharmacist to place orders in the event the item is not in stock. **When calling in prescriptions, please leave the prescription number, name of medication & your telephone number on the phone message. Reminder:** Check your prescription bottle when calling for refills; if **no** refills are left, contact your doctor's office to request a new prescription.

CHS (Contract Health Service):

Services obtained off-site-referral required. A "purchase order" form must be obtained from the Health Department (I.H.S./CHS) office for each & every visit to a healthcare provider prior to visit. Individuals with private insurance or Medicare must obtain a purchase order if you are requesting that I.H.S./CHS pay the balance. Emergency Services: you have seventy-two (72) hours to notify the Health department in the case of an emergency visit. Please report to Millie @ 337-923-9955, Ext. 3004.

*Eligible members of the Chitimacha Tribe who have moved from the health service delivery area are covered for one hundred eighty (180) days from date of departure, provided that the Health Department is notified **prior** to moving.*

CHS Eligible:

1. *Registering @ hospital/other medical facility*
2. *Bills/Statements*

Some providers may bill you directly, such as anesthesia, radiology or other healthcare facilities.

- If you receive bills/statements please bring to Millie or Pam (CHS Department) at the Clinic & a copy will be made for our records.
- Please use the contact information on your bill to call the provider to assure they have all of your information correct to forward billing to the appropriate insurance, Medicaid, Medicare or the I.H.S./CHS Department. Some providers may not forward bills to the CHS staff or forward bills when requested, **unless** you, the patient, will provide the information to them when registering for services. If you are eligible for CHS please assure that the provider is aware that they need to bill Chitimacha Health Services @ P.O. Box 640, Charenton, LA 70523.
- It is the patient's responsibility to assure that providers know where to forward billing/insurance claim forms.
- Bring personal insurance explanations & Medicare explanation of benefits to the CHS Office.
- For *Medicaid* eligible patient's, provider should only bill to Medicaid.
- Should you have any questions you may contact Millie @ 923-9955, press **4** during regular business hours. *After office hours, ext. 3004.*

“Alternate Resource”:

Health Care Resources other than those of the Indian Health Service. Example: Medicare, Medicaid, or Private Insurance.

Should a client meet the eligibility guidelines to qualify for an alternate resource, clients will be required to apply for that resource if available and accessible. Failure to apply when contacted by clinic staff may result in denial of services.

Contact Ann Olds (Medicaid Enrollment Representative): 337-923-9955, Ext. 3002 for more information. Ann is available to assist you in completion of the Medicaid application process.

- ◆ Once Medicaid is approved, the Medicaid office will re-certify your case periodically.
- ◆ It is the client’s responsibility to respond to requests made by the Medicaid Office

Report/provide the following to Ann:

- ◆ Report any changes in Medicaid status to Ann
- ◆ Bring documentation of denial or changes in Medicaid status

Congratulations Health Department Staff!

I am pleased to inform you that the Health Department received First Place in the childhood obesity initiative “Honey I Shrunk the Kids” & ranked 1st in the Nashville Area category of “Best GPRA Performance” (Government Performance and Results Act), “*Excellence Taken to a New Height*”.

Congratulations staff for a job well done! Thank you Tribal Council for your recognition & support of the Health Department’s Staff!

News from Chitimacha Fire Protection

Rick Cook, Fire Chief



Training: This quarter employees Deborah Guardia, Clarence Clark and Joshua Bourque attended an 8 hour Flammable Liquid class at the LSU Fire and Emergency Training Institute. This invaluable awareness training teaches firefighters how to recognize potentially dangerous Flammable Liquid fires. In August Clarence Clark and Joshua Bourque received their Louisiana State Firefighter One Certification. During the month of July Deborah Guardia completed and received the American Heart CPR Instructor Certification.

Activities: The Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL) is scheduled to conduct the fire district survey on November 24, 2008. The purpose of this survey is to determine fire insurance cost for both residential and commercial occupancies. This survey involves components, i.e.; available water supply, hydrant maintenance and flow fire capacities, fire apparatus and equipment carried on them, dispatching communications, fire prevention activities and occupancy fire pre-planning inspections. At present our district holds a very respectable class "3" fire rating. Fire rating classifications are rated from a class (1) through (10) with a class "1" being the best rating a fire department can receive. Once we receive the final results from PIAL we will forward this report to you in the next newsletter.

Notices: For those who want to be part of a rewarding profession in serving your community, applications for volunteer membership are available at the department. The Chitimacha Fire Protection Volunteer Incentive Program pays an average of \$11.00 for each monthly meeting/drill attendance and for each emergency response. Additional incentives can be earned; once a volunteer receives the needed training, he/she can qualify as a substitute shift worker to fill in as needed when a full time employee is on leave. If you are interested in becoming a CFP Volunteer Division Member you may contact the Fire Department or Human Resources for more information.

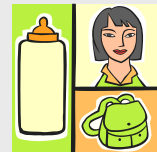
October is Fire Prevention Month. Fire personnel will be attending the educational facilities throughout the district and delivering fire prevention messages to the students. Also, this is the time of year to check and change the batteries for your smoke detectors.

During the months of October and November, personnel from the department will be conducting In Home Safety Surveys. These surveys are designed to assist residents of identifying unsafe hazards within the home. This component, is in part, from a grant program to install Carbon Monoxide Detectors throughout the reservation. Also cooking hood suppression systems are also available at no cost. If you feel you need to schedule this Home Survey, feel free to contact the Fire or Housing department at your convenience and someone will be happy to assist you.



Yaamahana is a Four-Star Childcare Center!

By Kaylyn Sellers



The Department of Social Services here in Louisiana realized they needed to design a program that would create a quality rating system (QRS) for child care. This rating system is known as “Quality Start”. This is a voluntary program where the main goal is to “increase the quality of child care and early learning for all children throughout Louisiana, and to give parents and consumers the ability to understand, assess and demand higher quality”. We are very excited here at Yaamahana to say that through the Louisiana Quality Rating System we have been rated as a Four-Star childcare center. This was a long process for us here at Yaamahana. It started off with applying for one star and then working our way up the ladder. **Yaamahana is one of only four centers that have achieved a four-star rating in the state of Louisiana.** There are many things that helped us achieve a four-star rating. Here are just a few of them:

- We received high scores on the environmental rating scales conducted on two of the classrooms in our center by QRS.
- We provide parents with a pre-enrollment visit.
- We have a strong program that provides a large variety of learning experiences for our children.
- We follow Louisiana early learning guidelines and standards.
- We provide parent meetings/trainings/conferences on a regular basis.
- We have low child/staff ratios.

Just a Note:

Car seat safety and proper installation courses are offered from trained personnel through the Yaamahana Center. Copies of seat installation instructions are available at Yaamahana. Contact Kathleen Flanagan @ (337)923-0100 for more information.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Brian Headley, Development Director



The Chitimacha Tribe has started construction of the next phase of the Roadway reconstruction, sub-surface drainage and pedestrian walkway project. This project is being funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs at 100%. This includes both the design and construction. The Contractor, Glenn Lege Construction, Inc., started construction operations with the Notice to Proceed that was issued on September 2nd, 2008.

The Contractor is scheduled to install the drainage pipe followed by the road reconstruction. During the roadway reconstruction phase, there will be minimal delays to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Your patience is appreciated and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Development Department at (337) 923-4000.

In addition, the Chitimacha Tribal Government was also awarded design and construction funds to complete an emergency project consisting of drainage work and roadway reconstruction for a 200' section of Martin Luther King roadway where it terminates into the "shipping and receiving" area of Cypress Bayou Casino.

Below are a few photographs of the Roadway reconstruction, sub-surface drainage and pedestrian walkway project.



Above is a snapshot of the work in progress on Choctaw Street and Seminole Drive.

Below is a snapshot of the work in progress at the end of Chitimacha Loop and Seminole Drive.



Employee of the Year 2008

Ms. Phyllis Darden and Ms. Gloria Loston were announced as the winners for the **Employee of the Year 2008**. The announcement was made October 10, 2008, following the Employee of the Year Banquet.



Pictured L to R: Chief Lonnie Martin, Gloria Loston, Peggy Gaddy and Phyllis Darden

Ms. Phyllis Darden has been employed with the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana since September 1, 1991. She is employed as the 1st Grade Teacher at the Chitimacha Tribal School. She has worked tirelessly to educate our youth and to equip them with the necessary skills to advance in their educational endeavors. Ms. Phyllis is the widow of Ralph Darden and she currently resides in Baldwin, LA. She is the mother of two children; Matthew Brown and Jules Darden and two step-children; Toby Darden and Naomi Guillory. She has thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She enjoys reading, going to the movies, playing scrabble, gardening and sings in the Little Pass Baptist Church Choir.

Ms. Gloria Loston has been employed with the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana since November 24, 1997. She is employed as a Police Communications Officer at the Chitimacha Police Department. Her job includes assisting people in need and dispatching the necessary personnel to their location. She is the mother of three children; Sherise Henry, Marlana Burgess and Shanay Henry and has three grandsons. Ms. Gloria currently resides in Baldwin, LA. Her hobbies and interests include: Gardening, reading, her love for people, she is a CASA volunteer and sings in the "inspirational church choir" at the Greater New Hope Baptist Church.

Supervisor of the Year 2008

Ms. Patty LeBlanc was announced as the winner of the Supervisor for the Year 2008.



Pictured L to R: Chief Lonnie Martin, Patty LeBlanc and Peggy Gaddy.

Ms. Patty LeBlanc has been employed with the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana since August 5, 1985. She is employed as a Planning Director for the Planning Department. She provides oversight for the budgets of the tribal government, ensures the prompt and accurate submission of contracts and grants, and a bit of compliance along the way. Ms. Patty has one child; Zachery LeBlanc. She currently resides in Charenton, LA. Her hobbies are reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.



**Congratulations to all nominees
on all their hard work and
dedication to the Tribe!**

NOTICE

MURAL DEDICATION AND RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL BUILDING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2008

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

THANKSGIVING FEAST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2008

**CYPRESS BAYOU CASINO PAVILION
(PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE PAVILION)**

TRIBAL FAMILIES ONLY

SERVING @ 11:30 A.M.:

**ROASTED TURKEY, FRIED TURKEY, PORK ROAST, CORN BREAD
DRESSING, RICE DRESSING, GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE, AND YAMS**

PECAN PIE AND SUGAR FREE DESSERTS

DOOR PRIZES AND BINGO WITH CASH PRIZES AWARDED

Scholarship Students please notice:

**Volunteers needed for the Thanksgiving Feast
from 8:00 a.m. until finished**

**Please contact the Scholarship Office at
(337) 923-2463 or 1-866-936-2654 to schedule**

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Huya to all of you who have volunteered to have your photo taken for the Rosetta Stone Project. We are still in need of many volunteers. People of **all ages** are needed. The new dates for the photo sessions will be November 10th - 22nd, 2008. Please consider posing for one of these simple scenes, such as "The woman is reading." or "The man is in the car." Please call the Cultural Department (923-9923) if you have any questions or want to sign up!

The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana would like to receive responses from interested Tribal Members to participate as a committee member on the Economic Development Committee. This committee will assist the Tribal Council in the review and facilitation of development proposals. If you are interested and would like to be considered, please respond in writing, including a copy of your resume, to the address listed below. All correspondence shall be received by close of business (11:30 AM) Friday, October 31, 2008.

Qualification for the Tribal Economic Development Committee Membership

- ◇ Enrolled Member of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
- ◇ At a minimum, be 21 years of age
- ◇ Have a High School Diploma or equivalent
- ◇ Have demonstrated good character, honesty, and integrity in personal life and professional endeavors
- ◇ Have demonstrated success in either a personal business endeavor or within the private / public sector
- ◇ Have the ability to meet as needed in order to evaluate and recommend a course of action to the Tribal Council.
- ◇ This appointment may contain some travel for evaluation of potential business venture.
- ◇ A stipend **shall not** be provided for this appointment

Forward all correspondence to:
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
Attn.: Economic Development Committee
P.O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523



Call Kitty @ (337) 923-4973 to place an Ad or Email to:
kitty@chitimacha.gov



Tribal Contact Information

*Chitimacha Tribal Admin. Office
155 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-7215-Chairman's Office
(337)923-9914-Chairman's Office Fax
(337)923-4973-Administration
(337)923-4973-Information Systems
(337)923-7911-Finance Department
(337)923-6848-Admin.'s Fax

*Chitimacha Employee Comprehensive
Health Plan-230 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-4343-Cechp
(337)923-4347-Cechp's Fax

*Chitimacha Cultural Department
105 Houma Drive
(337)923-9923

*Chitimacha Development
3221 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-4000
(337)923-7955-Fax

*Chitimacha Fire Department
215 Coushatta Drive
(337)923-4326
(337)923-7725-Fax

*Chitimacha Gaming Commission
832 Martin Luther King Drive
(337)923-9119
(337)923-6139-Fax

*Chitimacha Health Clinic
3231 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-9955
(337)923-7791-Fax

*Chitimacha Housing Authority
3221 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-9125

*Chitimacha Human Resources
105 Houma Drive
(337)923-7775
(337)924-9420-Fax

*Chitimacha Human Services
3287 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-7000
(337)923-2475-Fax

*Chitimacha Police Department
211 Coushatta Drive
(337)923-4964
(337)923-0514-Fax

*Chitimacha Public Works
223 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-9126
(337)923-7586-Fax

*Chitimacha Recreation Department
312 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-4975
(337)923-7555-Fax

*Chitimacha RiverCane Center
428 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-4114

*Chitimacha Scholarship/Enroll. Dept.
3291 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-2463

*Chitimacha Trading Post
116 Chitimacha Loop
(337)923-7487

*Chitimacha Tribal Courts
343 Navarro Street
(337)923-7806
(337)923-7889-Fax

*Chitimacha Tribal Museum
3289 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-4830

*Chitimacha Tribal School
3613 Chitimacha Trail
(337)923-9960
(337)923-7346-Fax

*Chitimacha WIA/Inter Tribal
Council Office
428 Chitimacha Loop-Suite 101
(337)923-7278
(337)923-2470-Fax

*Chitimacha Child Development
Center/Yaamahana-410 Seminole Dr.
(337)923-0100
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